UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ESTHER HOFFMAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TRANSWORLD SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, et al.,

Defendants.

C18-1132 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) Plaintiffs' motion, docket no. 389, for leave to file a third amended complaint ("TAC") is DENIED. Any motion for leave to amend the pleading was due on or before February 3, 2021. See Order (docket no. 118). On February 3, 2021, Plaintiffs filed a motion for leave to amend the pleading, docket no. 122, which the Court denied on March 2, 2021. Minute Order (docket no. 127). Plaintiffs now seek to amend the pleading to include a request for declaratory relief and modify their proposed class definitions. See Proposed TAC, Ex. 1 to Henry Decl. (docket no. 390-1). Plaintiffs have not, however, shown good cause for amending the pleading at this stage of litigation. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b). The Court also concludes that allowing Plaintiffs to amend the pleading would cause prejudice to Defendants and create undue delay. The Court is mindful that this action has been pending since July 2018. See Notice of Removal (docket no. 1). Defendants' motions for summary judgment, dockets nos. 284, 369, and 377, and Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, docket no. 232, are fully briefed and pending decision. Allowing Plaintiffs to amend the pleading would, at a minimum, require additional briefing on these motions and further delay resolution of this matter.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of (2) record. Dated this 15th day of November, 2022. Ravi Subramanian Clerk s/Laurie Cuaresma Deputy Clerk